

## Message Text

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R 281156Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1265  
INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY  
AMCONSUL CALCUTTA  
AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU  
AMCONSUL MADRAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TPHY, NP  
SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON STANFORD PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLING DEVICE  
ON ANNAPURNA

REF: KATHMANDU 2170 (NOTAL)

1. IN FRONT PAGE STORY IN "TIMES OF INDIA" APRIL 28, KATHMANDU  
CORRESPONDENT MARVIN KURVE REPORTS THAT IT IS "HIGHLY UNLIKELY  
NOW" THAT THE RADIO SCIENCE LABORATORY OF STANDORD UNIVERSITY  
WILL BE PERMITTED TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS PROPOSAL TO INSTALL AN  
ELECTRONIC DEVICE ON TOP OF ANNAPURNA. KURVE WRITES THAT GIVEN  
THE NANDA DEVI INCIDENT, THE PROPOSAL, "HOWEVER ACADEMIC AND  
INNOCUOUS IT MAY SOUND" IS LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY  
CONTROVERSIAL. HE REPORTS THAT STANFORD CHANNELLED ITS REQUEST  
THROUGH THE US MISSION AND SAYS THAT THE DEVICE, TO BE INSTALLED  
FOR ABOUT A YEAR IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY OF TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY, IS DESCRIBED AS INTENDED  
TO MEASURE THE ELECTRIC FIELD AND WIND CURRENTS. THE ARTICLE  
SAYS THE PLAN IS TO RETRIEVE THE DEVICE NEXT YEAR BY A MOUN-  
TAINERING EXPEDITION PROVIDED IT IS NOT DAMAGED OR BURIED DUE  
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TO AVALANCHES.

2. THE REST OF THE ARTICLE RECAPS NEPALESE PROCEDURES FOR  
PERMITTING MOUNTAINERING EXPEDITIONS AND THE CONCERN EXPRESSED  
IN SECTIONS OF THE NEPALESE PRESS IN THE AFTERMATH OF NANDA DEVI.  
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